

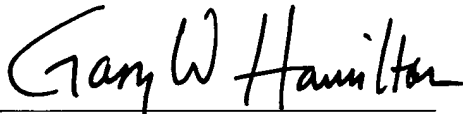
### REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 12 and 13 are rejected. Claims 3-11 and 14-20 are allowed. Claims 1, 2, 12 and 13 have been cancelled without prejudice.

### CONCLUSION


In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at 512-338-9100.

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